

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

House Meets At...	Last Vote Predicted At...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes"	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

FLOOR SCHEDULE AND BILL SUMMARY

H.Res.1092 - Rule providing for consideration of **H.R.6346** – Regarding certain trade preference programs, and for other purposes (*Rep. Dreier – Rules*). The Rules Committee has recommended a closed rule that provides one hour of general debate and one motion to recommit.

Suspensions (34 bills):

- 1) [H.R. 1674](#) - Tsunami Warning and Education Act (*Rep. Boehlert - Science*)
- 2) [S. 3938](#) - Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2006 (*Sen. Crapo - Financial Services*)
- 3) [H.R. 4924](#) - Congressional Tribute to Dr. Norman E. Borlaug (*Rep. Latham – Fin. Services*)
- 4) [H.Res. 1089](#) - Honoring the life of Milton Friedman (*Rep. Stearns - Government Reform*)
- 5) [S. 1820](#) - Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office Designation Act (*Sen. Inhofe - Government Reform*)
- 6) [H.Res. 1084](#) - To honor Edward R. Bradley (*Rep. Brady (PA) - Government Reform*)
- 7) [S.Con.Res. 91](#) - A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President should posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige (*Sen. Nelson (FL) - Government Reform*)
- 8) [H.Con.Res. 497](#) - To honor the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach (*Rep. Markey - Government Reform*)
- 9) [H.R. 5280](#) - Dextromethorphan Distribution Act (*Rep. Upton - Energy and Commerce*)
- 10) [H.R. 6099](#) - Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act (*Rep. Smith (NJ) - Energy and Commerce*)
- 11) [H.R. 3248](#) - Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2005 (*Rep. Ferguson - Energy and Commerce*)
- 12) [H.R. 5798](#) - To amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes (*Rep. McCrery - Energy and Commerce*)
- 13) [S. 843](#) - Combating Autism Act of 2006 (*Sen. Santorum - Energy and Commerce*)
- 14) [H.Res. 1082](#) - Condemning the decision by the city of St. Denis, France, to name a street in honor of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the convicted murderer of Philadelphia Police Officer Danny Faulkner (*Rep. Fitzpatrick - Judiciary*)
- 15) [H.R. 1458](#) - To require any Federal or State court to recognize any notarization made by a notary public licensed by a State other than the State where the court is located when such notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce (*Rep. Aderholt - Judiciary*)
- 16) [H.R. 4997](#) - Physicians for Underserved Areas Act (*Rep. Moran (KS) - Judiciary*)
- 17) [S. 4044](#) - Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Clarification Act (*Sen. Hatch - Judiciary*)
- 18) [S. 1785](#) - Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2005 (*Sen. Cornyn - Judiciary*)
- 19) [H.Res. 1090](#) - Honoring the life and accomplishments of Ruth Brown and expressing condolences to her family on her death (*Rep. Conyers - Judiciary Committee*)
- 20) [S. 1998](#) - Stolen Valor Act of 2005 (*Sen. Conrad - Judiciary*)
- 21) [H.R. 6342](#) - To amend title 38, US Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program (*Rep. Buyer – Veterans' Affairs*)
- 22) [S. 4073](#) - Robert Silvey Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act (*Sen. Talent – Veterans' Affairs*)
- 23) [H.R. 5076](#) - National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 2006 (*Rep. Young (AK) - Transportation and Infrastructure*)
- 24) [H.R. 5782](#) - Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006 (*Rep. Young (AK) - Transportation and Infrastructure*)
- 25) [H.Con.Res. 484](#) - Commending The New York Institute for Special Education for providing excellent education for students with blindness and visual disabilities for 175 years, and for broadening its mission to provide the same quality education to students with emotional and learning disabilities (*Rep. Crowley - Education and the Workforce*)
- 26) [S. 895](#) - Rural Water Supply Act of 2005 (*Sen. Domenici - Resources*)
- 27) [S. 1829](#) - A bill to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands (*Sen. Domenici - Resources*)
- 28) [S. 214](#) - US-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act (*Sen. Bingaman - Resources*)
- 29) [S. 1346](#) - Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act (*Sen. Stabenow - Resources*)
- 30) [H.Res. 1088](#) - Expressing support for Lebanon's democratic institutions and condemning the recent terrorist assassination of Lebanese parliamentarian and Industry Minister Pierre Amin Gemayel (*Rep. Dreier - International Relations*)
- 31) [H.Res. 1051](#) - Expressing support for democracy in Nepal that will require the full participation of the people of Nepal in the political process to hold elections for a constituent



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assembly and draft a new constitution and calling upon the Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist to adhere to commitments it has made and to respect human rights (*Rep. Walsh - International Relations*)

32) [S. 3722](#) - Naval Vessels Transfer Act of 2006 (*Sen. Lugar - International Relations*)

33) [H.Res. 1091](#) - Condemning in the strongest terms Iran's commitment to hold an international Holocaust denial conference on December 11-12, 2006 (*Rep. Hastings (FL) - International Relations*)

34) [S. 2125](#) - Democratic Republic of the Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act of 2006 (*Sen. Obama - International Relations*)

[H.R. 6346](#) - To extend certain trade preference programs, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam, to modify temporarily certain rates of duty and make other technical amendments to the trade laws, and for other purposes (*Rep. Thomas - Ways and Means*).

This bill includes six trade-related components:

- This measure extends through December 31, 2008, the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, which was set to expire December 31st. The system provides duty-free entry for a range of consumer goods and raw materials for manufacturing products imported from more than 100 developing countries. The bill alters the program to exclude nations which export more than \$1.5 billion in any covered product in a single year and/or have a per capita income of more than \$3,400.
- This bill enacts the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), which suspends or reduces the tariff rate on more than 500 selected products. This reduction of tariff rates allows these products to enter the U.S. [duty](#) -free.
- This bill renews and amends certain trade benefits in industries other than mining, oil and gas for sub-Saharan African countries under the African Growth and Opportunity Act. The bill allows these countries to continue to use third-country fabrics for apparel exported to the U.S. [until](#) September 2008 (as long as the country does not exceed 3.5% of total U.S. [apparel](#) imports). The bill institutes a new rule that starting in October 2008 and over the following three years, 50% of the fabric used must be made in AGOA countries. That threshold would then increase in year four to 55% and then 60% in year seven (3.5% cap remains throughout).
- The measure would allow Haiti, the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, to import fabric from third countries to sell duty-free finished textile products to the US but requires 50% of the value of the finished product to be of US, Haitian, FTA, or preference program origin in years one through three. By year four, this percentage grows to 55% and in year five, to 60%. The bill protects duty-free treatment as long as Haiti does not exceed 1% of total US imports – a limit which increases by 0.25% over a four-year period, reaching 2% in the fifth year.
- The measure would renew for six months the Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA) -- which is set to expire at the end of the year -- for Peru and Colombia. The bill would allow for continued duty-free access to U.S. [markets](#) for approximately 5,600 products of legitimate Colombian and Peruvian industries. The bill includes an additional six-month extension, to allow for implementation of the Peru and Colombian FTAs.
- The measure includes [H.R. 5602](#), which grants the President authority to declare normal trade relations on a permanent basis for Vietnam, thereby providing the same treatment of Vietnamese exports to the United States as provided to most other countries. The legislation is necessary in order to graduate Vietnam from the Jackson-Vanik law (PL93-618) requiring an annual review of Vietnam's political and economic practices and an annual granting of trade preferences. Upon Vietnam's upcoming accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the bill will allow the U.S. [to](#) benefit from the lower tariffs for U.S. [exports](#) mandated by WTO rules. Earlier, in 2001, Congress enacted legislation (PL107-52) ratifying a U.S.- Vietnam bilateral trade agreement and extending normal trade relations to Vietnam. Two-way trade between the U.S. [and](#) Vietnam totaled more than \$7.8 billion in 2005. [H.R. 5602](#) was defeated under Suspension of the Rules by a 228-161 vote on November 13th.

[H.Res.1093](#) – Martial Law Rule providing for same day consideration of a Tax / OCS / Physician Payment Limits Bill (*Rules*)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule: on Thursday, the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. for legislative business.

Daily Quote...

"In the final days of this congressional session, the GOP is making little effort to pass bills to fund the federal government next year, let alone implement any long-term budget restraints."

- From a story in the *Los Angeles Times* this morning